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Eleven Y-Teens Attend Youth Interracial Meet

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (SNS)—Eleven Y-Teens of the Vance Avenue Branch YWCA and an adult chaperon attended the Kentucky-Tennessee Interracial Conference for Y-Teens in Greenville, Tenn.

The Conference was held at Tusculum College from June 9 to 15. Its purpose was to provide an opportunity for growth and development of leadership for the YWCA and the Community at large. The program included workshops, assemblies, discussion groups, huddle groups, recreation and evening activities.

Mrs. Marlene Young, 2876 Autumn accompanied the following young women::

Miss Mozella London, Miss Rose Whiting, and Miss Shirley Laws from the B. T. Washington Y-Teen Club; Miss Geraldine Robinson, Miss Carrie Brown, Miss Erma Clark and Miss Gazella Davis from the Hamilton High Y-Teen Club; Miss Irma Scott from the Melrose Y-Teen club; Miss Brenda Armstrong, Miss Irene Jackson, and Miss Alvenia Perkins from the Douglas Y-Teen Club. Miss Minnie McFadden is director of the Teen-Age activities at the Branch YWCA.

Frances Hayden Resigns From Paseo Branch 'Y'

Mrs. Frances F. Hayden, executive director of the Paseo branch YWCA for 18 years, has resigned

FRANCES F. HAYDEN

effective September 1, it was announced this week.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Henry L. Jacobson, YWCA president.

Mrs. Hayden will be succeeded by Mrs. Anna D. Kelley, of Nashville, Tenn., who is presently serving as executive director of a Y. W.C.A. branch there.

An active figure in community undertakings, Mrs. Hayden has been a quiet influence in most of the past 20 years.

She has been confidante and advisor to many of the community's leaders.

Mrs. Hayden joined the YWCA staff in 1940 as successor to the late Mrs. Sarah Radford. Prior to that time, she had been a teacher at Sumner High school in Kansas City, Kas., and a reserve teacher for Lincoln High and R. T. Coles schools.

In her first four years with the branch, she served as director of personal services, a job which included working in employment adult education and counseling and supervision of rooms registry.

This was during the war years (1940-1944) when employment was at its peak and workers in all skills were in demand. Many job opportunities were opened to Negro women which previously had been denied them. Paseo branch YWCA took the leadership in setting up training opportunities as well as in securing jobs for women of the Negro community. Under Mrs. Hayden's supervision, the branch pioneered in training and and obtaining employment for Negro women as power machine operators and in clerical jobs. The "Y" also conducted a school for domestic workers.

In 1944 Mrs. Hayden left the "Y" and joined the Office of Price Administration (OPA) as a special information officer.

Upon the death of Miss Elsie M. Mountain—executive secretary of the "Y" — in 1945, Mrs. Hayden returned to the branch as its director. She was immediately plunged into ambitious building program which culminated in 1950 with the occupation of the new branch building.

In its new and enlarged quarters, the branch then expanded its program for both teenagers and adults. Under Mrs. Hayden's direction it began offering more community services, including a residence for girls, a cafeteria and facilities for group meetings.

Mrs. Hayden's role in the community has not been limited to the YWCA. She is now vice-president of the League of Women Voters corresponding secretary of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, a member of the employment committee of the Kansas City Commission on Human Relations, a member of the citizens advisory committee for the Attucks housing project, a member of the advisory committee for the school of nursing at General hospital, a member of the professional advisory committee of the Research Center of Family Development and treasurer of her neighborhood club, the 25-26 Tracyites.

With Mrs. Hayden as a prod and a directing influence, the YWCA has played a major part in the improvement of human relations in Kansas City. The branch cooperates fully with the NAACP and the Urban League and was the unoff[illegible] "headquarters" for the Community Committee for Social Action (CCSA) during its long and successful campaign to open the eating facilities of downtown department stores.

Through her long years of service at the branch, Mrs. Hayden has commented often and gratefully on the "fine spirit of cooperation" evidenced by the hundreds of persons who have worked as volunteers in the YWCA program.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of the job has been the many fine personal and professional friendships which I have made," she said yesterday.

Mrs. Hayden is the wife of Dr. W. L. Hayden, a dentist here since 1912. They are the parents of a son, William K. Hayden, a practicing attorney here.

Her immediate plans now are "to just rest," she said.

Y.W.C.A. TO SHIFT WORK IN HARLEM

Closing Women's Residence, It Will Center on Wider Community Services

The Young Women's Christian Association will close its Harlem residence for women on Oct. 14. It will give assistance in finding other housing, including other Y. W. C. A. residences in the city, all of which are interracial.

The announcement yesterday by Mrs. August G. Keller, chairman of the committee on management of the Upper Manhattan Branch, and Mrs. Albert Francke Jr., president of the Y. W. C. A. of the City of New York, said the change was "dictated by shifting community needs."

They cited "the marked decrease in use of the building during the past two years when the occupancy rate for permanent guests averaged only 50 and 60 per cent of the 237-bed capacity."

As a consequence of this, the Upper Manhattan Branch will now shift its program to emphasize "informal education and recreation for adults, teen-agers and children," they said.

They predicted that in this way the branch would reach a larger segment of the community and serve a greater number of people with funds available.

'New Areas of Service'

The residence, known as Emma Ransom House, has been at 175 West 137th Street since 1925. The Upper Manhattan Branch was organized in 1905 to serve the spiritual, social, health, employment and housing needs of Negro women. The housing program began with a boarding house for women in 1907.

According to Mrs. Keller "now that our young women are finding more employment and educational opportunities open to them, now that increasing numbers of organizations are seeking the same goals for which the Y. W. C. A. pioneered, the Y. W. C. A. must look ahead to new areas of service."

Regularly scheduled activities will continue this fall at the Upper Manhattan Branch Building at 179 West 137th Street. It was completed in 1919 as an educational center offering instruction in household arts, garment trades, practical nursing and business skills. Both buildings will later be sold, the announcement said.

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Segregated Harlem YW Will Close Next Month

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Associated Negro Press

NEW YORK — Emma Ranson House of the Harlem YWCA will close next month after housing has been found fo thre current 116 permanent residents. At a later date the activities program will move to another location and both buildings will be sold.

The change according to Mrs. Francake, Jr., president of the YWCA, City of New York, is made necessary by shifting community needs and by the necessity of seeking the most effective use of funds available for community service. Those 116 occupants who received notices are expected to be absorbed in the other four YWCA residence all in are inter - racial.